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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 23, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks. The amendments to the claims are sought to place the claims into condition for allowance or for better consideration on appeal. Hence, entry of these amendments is proper.

Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a petition for three month extension of time to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.